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IN THE UNITED STATES ATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:) Confirmation No.: 4311
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Application No.: 10/720,143) Examiner: Michael P. Ferguson
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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116

SURGICAL ARM ASSEMBLY INCLUDING QUICK CONNECT MECHANISM

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Sir:

For:

In response to the final Office Action mailed June 9, 2005, to which a response is due without an extension by September 9, 2005, please amend and reconsider the above-identified patent application as follows. Entry of the following amendments and remarks are respectfully requested since they are believed to place the application in condition for allowance or in better condition for appeal and do not raise any new issues requiring further consideration and/or search.

Please reconsider the above-identified patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.